



Morning Highlights

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WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

12:30 UPDATE: Firefighters are responding to a 50-acre wildland fire, the Homestead Fire, burning in logging slash and beetle-killed trees on the Kenai Peninsula. This morning the fire had multiple smoke columns. It is located south of Ninilchik and north of Anchor Point, in the Happy Valley area (to the east of Mile Post 144.5 of the Sterling Highway). Aerial retardant has been delivered, and smokejumpers, additional firefighting aircraft, a fire crews, an engine and other equipment are en route or have been ordered. For additional information, please contact Bruce Richards at 907-260-4261 or email homesteadfire@gmail.com

One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Monday. State firefighters suppressed a leaf litter and debris pile that was burning near the Johansen Expressway, near Peger Road in Fairbanks.

So far this year a total of 105 fires have burned 355 acres statewide.

PRESCRIBED BURNS

ALASKA FIRE SERVICE MILITARY ZONE:

- Donnelly Training Area near Delta Junction: Bolio Lakes and portions of the Oklahoma Range will be burned today, weather permitting.
- DMPTTR (Digital Multi-purpose Training Range), northeast of Eielson Air Force Base: prescribed burns will be conducted tomorrow, weather permitting.

BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information, please contact your local Division of Forestry office:

<i>Fairbanks Area:</i>	<i>907-451-2626</i>
<i>Delta Area:</i>	<i>907-895-2106</i>
<i>Tok Area:</i>	<i>907-883-5134</i>
<i>Mat-Su District:</i>	<i>907-761-6312</i>
<i>Kenai-Kodiak Area:</i>	<i>907-260-4269</i>
<i>Valdez/ Copper River Area:</i>	<i>907-822-5536</i>
<i>Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):</i>	<i>907-766-2120</i>

For additional State of Alaska burn permit information, please visit:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/burnpermits.htm>

**In Anchorage, please contact the Anchorage Fire Department's Wildfire Mitigation Office at 267-5020.*

-See next page for Additional References-

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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